IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 24-44 without prejudice to filing of a divisional application.

Please cancel claims 2, 11, 13, and 18 without prejudice.

Claims 1, 3-10, 12, 14-17, and 19-23 are pending in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:

threadingly coupling a first pin connector directly to a second box connector;

removing at least a portion of said second connector after said first and second connectors are coupled together to thereby define a recess in said second connector; and

coupling an anti-rotation member to ~~at least one of~~ said first and second connectors, wherein said anti-rotation member engages at least a portion of said first connector and is adapted to engage at least a portion of said recess in said second connector.

Claim 2. (Canceled).

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein removing at least a portion of said second connector comprises performing at least one of a drilling operation and a milling operation to remove said portion of said second connector.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein removing at least a portion of said second connector comprises removing at least a portion of said second connector that is positioned within an area defined by an opening in said first connector.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein coupling said anti-rotation member to at least one of said first and second connectors comprises threadingly engaging said anti-rotation member with at least a portion of said first connector.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein coupling said anti-rotation member to at least one of said first and second connectors comprises threadingly engaging said anti-rotation member with at least a portion of said first connector and at least a portion of said second connector.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said anti-rotation member has a generally cylindrical configuration.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said anti-rotation member has external threads formed on at least a portion of an exterior surface of said anti-rotation member.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said anti-rotation member comprises at least one of a self-tapping fastener or a threaded fastener.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising, prior to coupling said anti-rotation member to at least one of said first and second connectors, forming internal threads on a surface of said recess in said second connector.

11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:
threadingly coupling a first pin connector directly to a second box connector;
removing at least a portion of said second connector after said first and second connectors are coupled together to thereby define a recess in said second connector; and
threadingly coupling an anti-rotation member to said first and second connectors.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein removing at least a portion of said second connector comprises performing at least one of a drilling operation and a milling operation to remove said portion of said second connector.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said anti-rotation member has external threads formed on at least a portion of an exterior surface of said anti-rotation member.

16. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said anti-rotation member comprises at least one of a self-tapping fastener or a threaded fastener.

17. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising, prior to threadingly coupling said anti-rotation member to said first and second connectors, forming internal threads on a surface of said recess in said second connector.

18. (Canceled).

19. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:
threadingly coupling a first pin connector directly to a second box connector, said first connector having an opening formed therein;
after said first and second connectors are coupled together, removing at least a portion of said second connector positioned within an area defined by said opening; and
inserting an anti-rotation member in said opening wherein said anti-rotation member engages at least a portion of said first connector and is adapted to engage at least a portion of said recess in said second connector.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein removing at least a portion of said second connector comprises performing at least one of a drilling operation and a milling operation to remove said portion of said second connector.

21. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein inserting said anti-rotation member in said opening comprises threadingly engaging said anti-rotation member with at least a portion of said first connector.

22. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein coupling said anti-rotation member to at least one of said first and second connectors comprises threadingly engaging said anti-rotation member with at least a portion of said first connector and at least a portion of said second connector.

23. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising, prior to inserting said anti-rotation member, forming internal threads on a surface of said recess formed in said second connector.

Claims 24-44 (Canceled).